



TORONTO COIN CLUB

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— Meeting Minutes for March, 2013 —

CLUB MEETINGS

Held on the 3rd Monday of the month
(moved to 2nd Monday for statutory
holidays), from September to June.

Doors open at 7:00 P.M.,
starting at 7:30 P.M.

Located at Metro Hall, 55 John St.
(at King St.), Toronto.

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NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be Monday May 13 (moved to 2nd Monday due to Victoria Day Holiday).

LAST MEETING:

The March 18, 2013 meeting of the Toronto Coin Club was held in room 303 of Metro Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:33 with president Don B. in the chair.

CLUB BUSINESS:

- We continued with on-time attendance draws featuring material donated to the club by the Bank of Canada Currency Museum. Of the prizes awarded, one lot consisting of 4 journals of the Canadian Historical Association, was highlighted by Don B as containing an interesting article on the Seven-Oaks Incident – a violent confrontation between the Hudson's Bay Company (HBC) and the North West Company, rival fur-trading companies on June 19, 1816.
- Club secretary, Henry N., was asked to represent the club as delegate to the Ontario Numismatic Association Convention.
- Don B. reported that after the last Torex show in February the club received a generous offer, by Brian Smith (show owner), of a complementary table at the show which can be used to publicize the club and numismatics in general. Don asked for a show of hands for volunteers willing to man the table during the next show.

AFFILIATIONS



Royal Canadian
Numismatic Association



Ontario Numismatic
Association

SHOW-AND-TELL ROUND TABLE:

Don B.:

Relating to the suggested theme of “March 18, 1965: Egypt’s exiled King Farouk dies in Rome”, Don discussed the great King Farouk’s coin collection auction in 1954. Although he owns a copy of the numismatic auction catalogue by Sotheby & Co. *The Palace Collections of Egypt*, he didn’t bring it along due to its relatively fragile condition. Prominent collectors attending the auction in Cairo included John J. Pittman, Gaston DiBello, and Ambassador & Mrs. R. Henry Norweb. Collectors such as John J. Pittman realized the true opportunity to acquire important pieces at “fire sale” prices and made the most of it. Mr. Pittman reportedly took out a second mortgage on his residence to finance the trip and his purchases, which turned out to be among the most significant of his numismatic career.

Don brought along a “TORONTO VA RECEPTION COMMITTEE” pin that he had recently acquired by happy circumstance. He used the term “It was meant to be” to relate to the circumstances where he was approached by two separate dealers—each having just obtained one of the pins (one in silver with blue enamel, the other in bronze). This is the first time he had seen this item which he believes to be a “Volunteer Army” pin from the time of the Boer War produced by Ryrie Bros. (later purchased by Birks). Don plans to research the item further and perhaps write an article on his findings.

Tom M.:

Tom related a story regarding specimen stamps which he purchased on eBay printed on pre-1939 paper. After researching his purchase he determined that they were forgeries. He was very happy when the dealer returned his money no questions asked.

Henry N.:

Henry, mentioning that he did not find an item in his collection which related to the various themes suggested by Don, brought a lead die trial test for the upcoming 2013 O.N.A. Annual Convention medal.

Jared S.:

Jared brought along a very scarce City of Swift Current Saskatchewan depression scrip remainder which he just obtained. The scrip comes in two types: one for the purchase of clothing and the other for the purchase of general merchandise. The scrip mentions

“THIS RELIEF COUPON IS ISSUED” to a named person, with serial# 1340F.

He also brought along a nicely preserved Zimmerman Bank \$1.00 note with serial#2261.

John M.:

John brought along a number of items this week. Including:

- Coin set from Ireland “Complements of the Bank of Ireland”
- Centennial (1867-1967) hung medal with ribbon in very good condition
- “Northlander Train Last Run” medal ran from 1970 until September 28, 2012.
- pre-war “Don’t Worry Club” medal with a large Swastika design as a good luck charm
- an 1887 pocket watch made by the American Watch Co. in excellent running order.

Shawn H.:

Shawn also brought along a number of items this week. Including-

- about 20 Chinese coins that he had acquired at the FUN show in January.
- A subscription silver bullion \$10.00 RCMP coin dated 2013.
- A rare 1861 token of the “Heaven and Earth Society” (a Boxer Rebellion rebel group) faction of the “Golden Coin Society”. Shawn was very happy to have obtained this token. He traded a scarce Tea Brick for the token.

David Q.:

David mentioned that he was extremely busy at work which was impacting his ability to collect coins.

He brought along a set of Irish coins from his collection relating to the “May 17, 1756: first St Patrick’s Day celebration – at Crown & Thistle Tavern in NYC” theme item.